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SUBJECT: AT LEAST 16 INJURED, DRIVER KILLED IN NEW
BULLDOZER ATTACK

1. (SBU) Local press and police report at least 19 people were injured (one seriously) when a Palestinian drove a heavy front-loader into several cars (overturning one) on King David Street at approximately 1400 local. A Border Policeman and armed civilian shot and killed the driver, Ghassan Abu Tir, from Umm Tuba (East Jerusalem), who is reportedly a relative of jailed Hamas PLC member Muhammad Abu Tir.

2. (U) PA President Mahmud Abbas (Abu Mazen), who was meeting with Israeli President Shimon Peres in Jerusalem when the attack occurred, told local press that he condemns the attack.

3. (SBU) There have not been any claims of responsibility for the attack as of 1630 local.
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